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Dear Sir:

For:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004 in which claims 1-26 were subjected to a five-way restriction requirement. In response to the request, Applicants elect Group II (claim 2). Applicants also amend claims 3, 4, 7, 8 and 26 such that each of claims 3-18 now depend from elected claim 2 and specify below further restrictions as they were applied by the Examiner against Group I.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

A Current Listing of the Claims begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 8 of this paper.